

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments and remarks submitted herein. Claims 2-6, 8, 10, 11, and 13 have been amended to remove the multiple dependencies and to clarify the claim language. Claim 7 has been canceled, and new claim 14 has been added. Support for new claim 14 can be found, for example, in original claim 4. Claims 1-6 and 8-14 are currently pending.

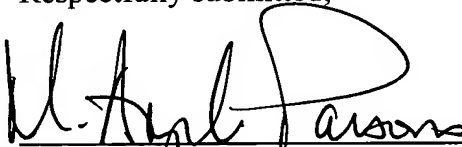
In addition, Applicant has amended the specification to include a paragraph describing related applications and to claim the benefit of priority to such applications. Applicant also has amended the specification to add an Abstract. The attached Abstract corresponds to the Abstract that was published in the PCT application. Therefore, Applicant submits that there is no new matter introduced by these amendments.

CONCLUSION

Applicant asks that claims 1-6 and 8-14 be examined. The enclosed filing fee takes into account the claims pending following entry of this Preliminary Amendment. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account 06-1050.

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